

# SPACE-LIKE AND TIME-LIKE HYPERSPHERES IN REAL PSEUDO-RIEMANNIAN 4-SPACES WITH ALMOST CONTACT B-METRIC STRUCTURES

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**ABSTRACT.** There are considered 4-dimensional pseudo-Riemannian spaces with inner products of signature (3,1) and (2,2). The objects of investigation are space-like and time-like hyperspheres in the respective cases. These hypersurfaces are equipped with almost contact B-metric structures. The constructed manifolds are characterized geometrically.

## INTRODUCTION

The geometry of 4-dimensional Riemannian spaces is well developed. When the metric is generalized to pseudo-Riemannian there are two significant cases: the Lorentz-Minkowski space  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  and the neutral pseudo-Euclidean 4-space  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$ . These spaces are object of special interest because of their importance in physics. The space  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  has applications in the general relativity and the space  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$  is connected to the string theory.

Hyperspheres in an even-dimensional space are known as a fundamental example of almost contact metric manifolds (cf. [1]). We are interested in almost contact B-metric structures, introduced in [3]. In the present work we consider space-like and time-like hyperspheres in  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$ , known also as 3-dimensional de Sitter and anti-de Sitter space-times, respectively (cf. [2]). After that we construct almost contact B-metric manifolds on these hypersurfaces. Then we study some their geometrical properties.

The paper<sup>1</sup> is organized as follows. In Sect. 1 we recall some preliminary facts about the considered manifolds. In Sect. 2 we are interested in space-like spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ . Sect. 3 is devoted to time-like spheres in  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$ .

## 1. PRELIMINARIES

Let us denote an *almost contact B-metric manifold* by  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i.e.  $M$  is a  $(2n + 1)$ -dimensional differentiable manifold with an almost contact structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta)$  consisting of an endomorphism  $\varphi$  of the tangent bundle, a Reeb vector field  $\xi$ , its dual contact 1-form  $\eta$  as well as  $M$  is equipped with a pseudo-Riemannian metric  $g$  of signature  $(n + 1, n)$ , such that the following algebraic relations are

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satisfied [3]:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi\xi &= 0, & \varphi^2 &= -\text{Id} + \eta \otimes \xi, & \eta \circ \varphi &= 0, & \eta(\xi) &= 1, \\ g(\varphi x, \varphi y) &= -g(x, y) + \eta(x)\eta(y),\end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{Id}$  is the identity. In the latter equality and further,  $x, y, z, w$  will stand for arbitrary elements of  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$ , the Lie algebra of tangent vector fields, or vectors in the tangent space  $T_p M$  of  $M$  at an arbitrary point  $p$  in  $M$ .

A classification of almost contact B-metric manifolds, consisting of eleven basic classes  $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2, \dots, \mathcal{F}_{11}$ , is given in [3]. This classification is made with respect to the tensor  $F$  of type (0,3) defined by

$$F(x, y, z) = g((\nabla_x \varphi) y, z),$$

where  $\nabla$  is the Levi-Civita connection of  $g$ . The following properties are valid in general:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned}F(x, y, z) &= F(x, z, y) = F(x, \varphi y, \varphi z) + \eta(y)F(x, \xi, z) + \eta(z)F(x, y, \xi), \\ F(x, \varphi y, \xi) &= (\nabla_x \eta)y = g(\nabla_x \xi, y).\end{aligned}$$

The intersection of the basic classes is the special class  $\mathcal{F}_0$ , determined by the condition  $F(x, y, z) = 0$ , and it is known as the class of the *cosymplectic B-metric manifolds*.

Let  $\{\xi; e_i\}$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ ) be a basis of  $T_p M$  and let  $(g^{ij})$  be the inverse matrix of  $(g_{ij})$ . Then with  $F$  are associated the 1-forms  $\theta, \theta^*, \omega$ , called *Lee forms*, defined by:

$$\theta(z) = g^{ij} F(e_i, e_j, z), \quad \theta^*(z) = g^{ij} F(e_i, \varphi e_j, z), \quad \omega(z) = F(\xi, \xi, z).$$

Now let us consider the case of the lowest dimension of the considered manifolds, i.e.  $\dim M = 3$ .

We introduce an almost contact B-metric structure  $(\varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  on  $M$  defined by

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned}\varphi e_1 &= 0, & \varphi e_2 &= e_3, & \varphi e_3 &= -e_2, & \xi &= e_1, \\ \eta(e_1) &= 1, & \eta(e_2) &= \eta(e_3) &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

$$(1.3) \quad g(e_1, e_1) = g(e_2, e_2) = -g(e_3, e_3) = 1, \quad g(e_i, e_j) = 0, \quad i \neq j \in \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

The components of  $F, \theta, \theta^*, \omega$  with respect to the  $\varphi$ -basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  are denoted by  $F_{ijk} = F(e_i, e_j, e_k)$ ,  $\theta_k = \theta(e_k)$ ,  $\theta_k^* = \theta^*(e_k)$ ,  $\omega_k = \omega(e_k)$ . According to [4], we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_1 &= F_{221} - F_{331}, & \theta_2 &= F_{222} - F_{332}, & \theta_3 &= F_{223} - F_{322}, \\ \theta_1^* &= F_{231} + F_{321}, & \theta_2^* &= F_{223} + F_{322}, & \theta_3^* &= F_{222} + F_{332}, \\ \omega_1 &= 0, & \omega_2 &= F_{112}, & \omega_3 &= F_{113}.\end{aligned}$$

If  $F^s$  ( $s = 1, 2, \dots, 11$ ) are the components of  $F$  in the corresponding basic classes  $\mathcal{F}_s$  then: [4]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.4) \quad & F^1(x, y, z) = (x^2\theta_2 - x^3\theta_3)(y^2z^2 + y^3z^3), \\
 & \theta_2 = F_{222} = F_{233}, \quad \theta_3 = -F_{322} = -F_{333}; \\
 & F^2(x, y, z) = F^3(x, y, z) = 0; \\
 & F^4(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}\theta_1\{x^2(y^1z^2 + y^2z^1) - x^3(y^1z^3 + y^3z^1)\}, \\
 & \frac{1}{2}\theta_1 = F_{212} = F_{221} = -F_{313} = -F_{331}; \\
 & F^5(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}\theta_1^*\{x^2(y^1z^3 + y^3z^1) + x^3(y^1z^2 + y^2z^1)\}, \\
 & \frac{1}{2}\theta_1^* = F_{213} = F_{231} = F_{312} = F_{321}; \\
 & F^6(x, y, z) = F^7(x, y, z) = 0; \\
 & F^8(x, y, z) = \lambda\{x^2(y^1z^2 + y^2z^1) + x^3(y^1z^3 + y^3z^1)\}, \\
 & \lambda = F_{212} = F_{221} = F_{313} = F_{331}; \\
 & F^9(x, y, z) = \mu\{x^2(y^1z^3 + y^3z^1) - x^3(y^1z^2 + y^2z^1)\}, \\
 & \mu = F_{213} = F_{231} = -F_{312} = -F_{321}; \\
 & F^{10}(x, y, z) = \nu x^1(y^2z^2 + y^3z^3), \quad \nu = F_{122} = F_{133}; \\
 & F^{11}(x, y, z) = x^1\{(y^2z^1 + y^1z^2)\omega_2 + (y^3z^1 + y^1z^3)\omega_3\}, \\
 & \omega_2 = F_{121} = F_{112}, \quad \omega_3 = F_{131} = F_{113},
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x = x^i e_i$ ,  $y = y^j e_j$ ,  $z = z^k e_k$ . Obviously, the class of 3-dimensional almost contact B-metric manifolds is

$$\mathcal{F}_1 \oplus \mathcal{F}_4 \oplus \mathcal{F}_5 \oplus \mathcal{F}_8 \oplus \mathcal{F}_9 \oplus \mathcal{F}_{10} \oplus \mathcal{F}_{11}.$$

In [5] are considered three natural connections on an arbitrary  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$ , i.e. linear connections which preserve  $\varphi$ ,  $\xi$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $g$ . They are called a  $\varphi$ B-connection, a  $\varphi$ -canonical connection and a  $\varphi$ KT-connection. The  $\varphi$ B-connection is defined by

$$(1.5) \quad D_x y = \nabla_x y + \frac{1}{2}\{(\nabla_x \varphi) \varphi y + (\nabla_x \eta) y \cdot \xi\} - \eta(y) \nabla_x \xi.$$

The  $\varphi$ -canonical connection is determined by an identity for its torsion with respect to the structure tensors and the  $\varphi$ KT-connection is characterized as the natural connection with totally antisymmetric torsion.

Since the considered manifold is 3-dimensional and the class  $\mathcal{F}_3 \oplus \mathcal{F}_7$  is empty, then the  $\varphi$ KT-connection does not exist and the  $\varphi$ -canonical connection coincides with the  $\varphi$ B-connection.

In [5] is defined the square norm of  $\nabla \varphi$  as follows

$$(1.6) \quad \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 = g^{ij} g^{ks} g((\nabla_{e_i} \varphi) e_k, (\nabla_{e_j} \varphi) e_s).$$

An almost contact B-metric manifold having a zero square norm of  $\nabla \varphi$  is called an *isotropic-cosymplectic B-metric manifold* ([5]). Obviously, the equality  $\|\nabla \varphi\|^2 = 0$  is valid if  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a  $\mathcal{F}_0$ -manifold, but the inverse implication is not always true.

The Nijenhuis tensor  $N$  of the almost contact structure is defined as usual by  $N = [\varphi, \varphi] + d\eta \otimes \xi$ , where  $[\varphi, \varphi](x, y) = [\varphi x, \varphi y] + \varphi^2[x, y] - \varphi[\varphi x, y] - \varphi[x, \varphi y]$  for  $[x, y] = \nabla_x y - \nabla_y x$  and  $d\eta$  is the exterior derivative of  $\eta$ . According to [6], the associated Nijenhuis tensor  $\hat{N}$  has the following form  $\hat{N} = \{\varphi, \varphi\} + (\mathcal{L}_\xi g) \otimes \xi$ , where  $\{\varphi, \varphi\}(x, y) = \{\varphi x, \varphi y\} + \varphi^2\{x, y\} - \varphi\{\varphi x, y\} - \varphi\{x, \varphi y\}$  for  $\{x, y\} = \nabla_x y + \nabla_y x$  and  $\mathcal{L}_\xi g$  is the Lie derivative of  $g$  with respect to  $\xi$ .

The corresponding tensors of type (0,3) on  $(M, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  are determined by  $N(x, y, z) = g(N(x, y), z)$  and  $\hat{N}(x, y, z) = g(\hat{N}(x, y), z)$ . According to [6], it is

known that the tensors  $N(x, y, z)$  and  $\hat{N}(x, y, z)$  are expressed by  $F$  as follows

$$(1.7) \quad \begin{aligned} N(x, y, z) &= F(\varphi x, y, z) - F(x, y, \varphi z) + \eta(z)F(x, \varphi y, \xi) \\ &\quad - F(\varphi y, x, z) + F(y, x, \varphi z) - \eta(z)F(y, \varphi x, \xi), \\ \hat{N}(x, y, z) &= F(\varphi x, y, z) - F(x, y, \varphi z) + \eta(z)F(x, \varphi y, \xi) \\ &\quad + F(\varphi y, x, z) - F(y, x, \varphi z) + \eta(z)F(y, \varphi x, \xi). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $R = [\nabla, \nabla] - \nabla_{[\cdot, \cdot]}$  be the curvature (1,3)-tensor of  $\nabla$  and the corresponding curvature (0,4)-tensor be denoted by the same letter:  $R(x, y, z, w) = g(R(x, y)z, w)$ . The following properties are valid in general:

$$(1.8) \quad \begin{aligned} R(x, y, z, w) &= -R(y, x, z, w) = -R(x, y, w, z), \\ R(x, y, z, w) + R(y, z, x, w) + R(z, x, y, w) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The Ricci tensor  $\rho$  and the scalar curvature  $\tau$  for  $R$  and  $g$  as well as their associated quantities are defined as follows

$$(1.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(y, z) &= g^{ij}R(e_i, y, z, e_j), & \rho^*(y, z) &= g^{ij}R(e_i, y, z, \varphi e_j), \\ \tau &= g^{ij}\rho(e_i, e_j), & \tau^* &= g^{ij}\rho^*(e_i, e_j), & \tau^{**} &= g^{ij}\rho^*(e_i, \varphi e_j). \end{aligned}$$

Each non-degenerate 2-plane  $\alpha$  in  $T_p M$  with respect to  $g$  and  $R$  has the following sectional curvature

$$(1.10) \quad k(\alpha; p) = \frac{R(x, y, y, x)}{g(x, x)g(y, y)},$$

where  $\{x, y\}$  is an orthogonal basis of  $\alpha$ .

A 2-plane  $\alpha$  is said to be a  $\varphi$ -holomorphic section (respectively, a  $\xi$ -section) if  $\alpha = \varphi\alpha$  (respectively,  $\xi \in \alpha$ ).

## 2. SPACE-LIKE HYPERSPHERES IN $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$

In this section we consider a hypersurface of the Lorentz-Minkowski space  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the Lorentzian inner product, i.e.

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^1 y^1 + x^2 y^2 + x^3 y^3 - x^4 y^4,$$

where  $x(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4), y(y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4)$  are arbitrary vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ . Let us consider a space-like hypersphere  $S_1^3$  at the origin with a real radius  $r$  identifying the point  $p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  with its position vector  $z$ , i.e.

$$\langle z, z \rangle = r^2.$$

It is parameterized by

$$z(r \cos u^1 \cos u^2, r \cos u^1 \sin u^2, r \sin u^1 \cosh u^3, r \sin u^1 \sinh u^3),$$

where  $u^1, u^2, u^3$  are real parameters such as  $u^1 \neq \frac{k\pi}{2} (k \in \mathbb{Z})$ ,  $u^2 \in [0; 2\pi]$ . Then for the local basic vectors  $\partial_i = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u^i}$  we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_1, \partial_1 \rangle &= r^2, & \langle \partial_2, \partial_2 \rangle &= r^2 \cos^2 u^1, & \langle \partial_3, \partial_3 \rangle &= -r^2 \sin^2 u^1, \\ \langle \partial_i, \partial_j \rangle &= 0, & i &\neq j. \end{aligned}$$

By substituting  $e_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\langle \partial_i, \partial_i \rangle|}} \partial_i$  we obtain a basis  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  as follows

$$(2.1) \quad e_1 = \frac{1}{r} \partial_1, \quad e_2 = \frac{\varepsilon_1}{r \cos u^1} \partial_2, \quad e_3 = \frac{\varepsilon_2}{r \sin u^1} \partial_3,$$

where  $\varepsilon_1 = \text{sgn}(\cos u^1)$ ,  $\varepsilon_2 = \text{sgn}(\sin u^1)$ . We equip it with an almost contact structure determined as in (1.2). The metric on the hypersurface, denoted by  $g$ , is

the restriction of  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on the sphere. Then  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  is an orthonormal  $\varphi$ -basis on the tangent space  $T_p S_1^3$  at  $p \in S_1^3$ , i.e. for  $g_{ij} = g(e_i, e_j)$ ,  $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , we have (1.3). Thus, we get that  $(S_1^3, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a 3-dimensional almost contact B-metric manifold.

By virtue of (2.1) we obtain the commutators of the basic vectors  $e_i$

$$(2.2) \quad [e_1, e_2] = \frac{1}{r} \tan u^1 e_2, \quad [e_1, e_3] = -\frac{1}{r} \cot u^1 e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 0.$$

Using the well-known Koszul identity for  $\nabla$  of  $g$  we get

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= -\frac{1}{r} \tan u^1 e_2, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= \frac{1}{r} \tan u^1 e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= \frac{1}{r} \cot u^1 e_3, & \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= \frac{1}{r} \cot u^1 e_1 \end{aligned}$$

and the other components are zero.

Let us compute the components of the natural connection denoted by  $D$  in (1.5). Then, using (1.2), (1.3), (1.5), (2.3), we establish that

$$(2.4) \quad D_{e_i} e_j = 0, \quad i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}.$$

According to (1.2), (1.3) and (2.3), we obtain the value of the square norm of  $\nabla \varphi$  as follows

$$(2.5) \quad \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 = -\frac{2}{r^2} (\tan^2 u^1 + \cot^2 u^1).$$

Taking into account (1.2), (1.3) and (2.3), we compute the components  $F_{ijk}$  of  $F$  with respect to the basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ . They are

$$(2.6) \quad F_{213} = F_{231} = -\frac{1}{r} \tan u^1, \quad F_{312} = F_{321} = \frac{1}{r} \cot u^1$$

and the other components of  $F$  are zero.

Using (1.7) and (2.6), we find the basic components  $N_{ijk} = N(e_i, e_j, e_k)$  and  $\hat{N}_{ijk} = \hat{N}(e_i, e_j, e_k)$  of the Nijenhuis tensor and its associated tensor, respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} N_{122} &= -N_{212} = N_{133} = -N_{313} = -\frac{1}{r} (\cot u^1 + \tan u^1), \\ \hat{N}_{122} &= \hat{N}_{212} = \hat{N}_{133} = \hat{N}_{313} = \frac{1}{r} (\cot u^1 + \tan u^1), \\ \hat{N}_{221} &= -\hat{N}_{331} = -\frac{4}{r} \tan u^1, \end{aligned}$$

as well as their square norms, according to (1.6), as follows

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \|N\|^2 &= \frac{4}{r^2} (\cot^2 u^1 + \tan^2 u^1 + 2), \\ \|\hat{N}\|^2 &= \frac{4}{r^2} (\cot^2 u^1 + 9 \tan^2 u^1 + 2). \end{aligned}$$

Bearing in mind (1.4) and (2.6), we establish the equality

$$(2.8) \quad F(x, y, z) = (F^5 + F^9)(x, y, z),$$

where  $F^5$  and  $F^9$  are the components of  $F$  in the basic classes  $\mathcal{F}_5$  and  $\mathcal{F}_9$ , respectively. The nonzero components of  $F^5$  and  $F^9$  with respect to  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$  are the following

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{213}^5 &= F_{231}^5 = F_{312}^5 = F_{321}^5 = \frac{1}{2} \theta_1^* = \frac{1}{2r} (\cot u^1 - \tan u^1), \\ F_{213}^9 &= F_{231}^9 = -F_{312}^9 = -F_{321}^9 = \mu = -\frac{1}{2r} (\cot u^1 + \tan u^1). \end{aligned}$$

Let us remark that the above components of  $F^5$  and  $F^9$  are nonzero for all values of  $u^1$  in its domain. By virtue of (2.8), (2.9) and (1.1), we get that

$$(2.10) \quad d\eta = 0, \quad \nabla_\xi \xi = 0.$$

Using (1.3), (2.2) and (2.3), we compute the components  $R_{ijkl} = R(e_i, e_j, e_k, e_l)$  of the curvature tensor  $R$  with respect to  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ . The nonzero components are given by the following ones and the symmetries of  $R$  in (1.8)

$$(2.11) \quad R_{1221} = -R_{1331} = -R_{2332} = \frac{1}{r^2}.$$

By virtue of (1.3), (1.9) and (2.11), the basic components  $\rho_{jk} = \rho(e_j, e_k)$  and  $\rho_{jk}^* = \rho^*(e_j, e_k)$  of the Ricci tensor  $\rho$  and its associated tensor  $\rho^*$ , respectively, as well as the values of the scalar curvature  $\tau$  and its associated curvatures  $\tau^*$ ,  $\tau^{**}$  are the following

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{11} = \rho_{22} = -\rho_{33} &= \frac{2}{r^2}, & \rho_{23}^* = \rho_{32}^* &= \frac{1}{r^2}, \\ \tau &= \frac{6}{r^2}, & \tau^* &= 0, & \tau^{**} &= \frac{2}{r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, using (1.3), (1.10) and (2.11), we obtain the basic sectional curvatures  $k_{ij} = k(e_i, e_j)$  determined by the basis  $\{e_i, e_j\}$  of the corresponding 2-plane as follows

$$(2.12) \quad k_{12} = k_{13} = k_{23} = \frac{1}{r^2}.$$

Let us remark that (1.3), (2.11) and (2.12) imply the following form of the curvature tensor

$$(2.13) \quad R(x, y, z, w) = \frac{1}{r^2} \{g(y, z)g(x, w) - g(x, z)g(y, w)\}.$$

Bearing in mind the above results, we establish the truthfulness of the following

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $(S_1^3, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be the space-like sphere in the Lorentz-Minkowski space  $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$  equipped with an almost contact B-metric structure. Then*

- (1) *the manifold is in the class  $\mathcal{F}_5 \oplus \mathcal{F}_9$  but it belongs neither to  $\mathcal{F}_5$  nor  $\mathcal{F}_9$  and it is not an isotropic-cosymplectic B-metric manifold;*
- (2) *the  $\varphi B$ -connection which coincides with the  $\varphi$ -canonical connection vanishes in the basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ;*
- (3) *the square norm of  $\nabla\varphi$  is negative;*
- (4) *the square norms of the Nijenhuis tensor and its associated are positive;*
- (5) *the contact form  $\eta$  is closed and the integral curves of  $\xi$  are geodesic;*
- (6) *the manifold is a space-form with positive constant sectional curvature.*

*Proof.* The proposition (1) follows from (2.5), (2.8) and (2.9). The truthfulness of the propositions (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) follows from (2.4), (2.5), (2.7), (2.10), (2.13), respectively.  $\square$

### 3. TIME-LIKE HYPERSPHERES IN $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$

In [3], it is considered a unit time-like hypersphere  $S$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^{2n+2}, J, G)$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$  is a complex Riemannian manifold with a canonical complex structure  $J$  and a Norden metric  $G$ . There is introduced an almost contact B-metric structure on  $S$  in appropriate way by means of  $J$  and  $G$ . The constructed hypersphere with the considered structure belongs to the class  $\mathcal{F}_4 \oplus \mathcal{F}_5$ .

In this section we use a different approach for equipping a time-like hypersphere in  $\mathbb{R}^{2n+2}$  for  $n = 1$  with an almost contact B-metric structure.

Let us consider the neutral pseudo-Euclidean 4-space  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$ . Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be the inner product defined by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x^1 y^1 + x^2 y^2 - x^3 y^3 - x^4 y^4$$

for arbitrary vectors  $x(x^1, x^2, x^3, x^4)$ ,  $y(y^1, y^2, y^3, y^4)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$ . Let us consider a time-like hypersphere  $H_1^3$  at the origin with a real radius  $r$  identifying the point  $p$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$  with its position vector  $z$ , i.e.

$$\langle z, z \rangle = -r^2.$$

It is parameterized by

$$z(r \sinh u^1 \cos u^2, r \sinh u^1 \sin u^2, r \cosh u^1 \cos u^3, r \cosh u^1 \sin u^3),$$

where  $u^1, u^2, u^3 \in \mathbb{R}$  such as  $u^1 \neq 0$ . Then, for the local basic vectors  $\partial_i$ , we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \partial_1, \partial_1 \rangle &= r^2, & \langle \partial_2, \partial_2 \rangle &= r^2 \sinh^2 u^1, & \langle \partial_3, \partial_3 \rangle &= -r^2 \cosh^2 u^1, \\ \langle \partial_i, \partial_j \rangle &= 0, & i &\neq j. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly as in the previous section, we substitute  $e_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\langle \partial_i, \partial_i \rangle|}} \partial_i$  and we obtain an orthonormal basis  $\{e_i\}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , as follows

$$e_1 = \frac{1}{r} \partial_1, \quad e_2 = \frac{\varepsilon}{r \sinh u^1} \partial_2, \quad e_3 = \frac{1}{r \cosh u^1} \partial_3,$$

where  $\varepsilon = \text{sgn}(u^1)$ . As for  $S_1^3$ , we introduce an almost contact B-metric structure on  $H_1^3$  determined by (1.2) and (1.3). Hence, we get that  $(H_1^3, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  is a 3-dimensional almost contact B-metric manifold.

By similar way as for  $S_1^3$  we obtain successively the following results:

$$[e_1, e_2] = -\frac{1}{r} \coth u^1 e_2, \quad [e_1, e_3] = -\frac{1}{r} \tanh u^1 e_3, \quad [e_2, e_3] = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_{e_2} e_1 &= \frac{1}{r} \coth u^1 e_2, & \nabla_{e_2} e_2 &= -\frac{1}{r} \coth u^1 e_1, \\ \nabla_{e_3} e_1 &= \frac{1}{r} \tanh u^1 e_3, & \nabla_{e_3} e_3 &= \frac{1}{r} \tanh u^1 e_1, \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.1) \quad D_{e_i} e_j = 0, \quad i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\},$$

$$(3.2) \quad \|\nabla \varphi\|^2 = -\frac{2}{r^2} (\tanh^2 u^1 + \coth^2 u^1),$$

$$F_{213} = F_{231} = \frac{1}{r} \coth u^1, \quad F_{312} = F_{321} = \frac{1}{r} \tanh u^1,$$

$$\begin{aligned} N_{122} &= -N_{212} = N_{133} = -N_{313} = \frac{2}{r \sinh 2u^1}, \\ \hat{N}_{122} &= \hat{N}_{212} = \hat{N}_{133} = \hat{N}_{313} = -\frac{2}{r \sinh 2u^1}, \\ \hat{N}_{221} &= -\hat{N}_{331} = \frac{2}{r} (\coth u^1 + \tanh u^1), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \|N\|^2 &= \frac{4}{r^2} (\coth^2 u^1 + \tanh^2 u^1 + 2), \\ \|\hat{N}\|^2 &= \frac{4}{r^2} (3 \coth^2 u^1 + 3 \tanh^2 u^1 + 2), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.4) \quad F(x, y, z) = (F^5 + F^9)(x, y, z),$$

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} F_{213}^5 &= F_{231}^5 = F_{312}^5 = F_{321}^5 = \frac{1}{2} \theta_1^* = \frac{1}{2r} (\coth u^1 + \tanh u^1), \\ F_{213}^9 &= F_{231}^9 = -F_{312}^9 = -F_{321}^9 = \mu = \frac{1}{2r} (\coth u^1 - \tanh u^1), \end{aligned}$$

$$(3.6) \quad d\eta = 0, \quad \nabla_\xi \xi = 0,$$

$$(3.7) \quad R_{1221} = -R_{1331} = -R_{2332} = k_{12} = k_{13} = k_{23} = -\frac{1}{r^2},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{11} &= \rho_{22} = -\rho_{33} = -\frac{2}{r^2}, & \rho_{23}^* &= \rho_{32}^* = -\frac{1}{r^2}, \\ \tau &= -\frac{6}{r^2}, & \tau^* &= 0, & \tau^{**} &= -\frac{2}{r^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the case of  $S_1^3$ , the obtained results could be interpreted in the following

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $(H_1^3, \varphi, \xi, \eta, g)$  be the time-like sphere in the space  $\mathbb{R}^{2,2}$  equipped with an almost contact B-metric structure. Then*

- (1) *the manifold is in the class  $\mathcal{F}_5 \oplus \mathcal{F}_9$  but it belongs neither to  $\mathcal{F}_5$  nor  $\mathcal{F}_9$  and it is not an isotropic-cosymplectic B-metric manifold;*
- (2) *the  $\varphi B$ -connection which coincides with the  $\varphi$ -canonical connection vanishes in the basis  $\{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ ;*
- (3) *the square norm of  $\nabla\varphi$  is negative;*
- (4) *the square norms of the Nijenhuis tensor and its associated are positive;*
- (5) *the contact form  $\eta$  is closed and the integral curves of  $\xi$  are geodesic;*
- (6) *the manifold is a space-form with negative constant sectional curvature.*

*Proof.* The proposition (1) follows from (3.2), (3.4) and (3.5). The truthfulness of the propositions (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) follows from (3.1), (3.2), (3.3), (3.6), (3.7), respectively.  $\square$

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